# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF SET TOP BOX
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of Set Top Box so far installed by the consumers; and

(b) the estimated price of each STB after removing import duty on it?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): No data is maintained in the Ministry or Prasar Bharati. However, according to the informal data gathered by Station Directors of DDK/AIR Centres that an estimated number of 38.00 lakhs Set Top Boxes have been sold in the country so far.

(b): Presently 20% of custom duty is levied on set top boxes in the country. According to market reports, the cost of Set Top Box including Dish antenna required for Doordarshan-DTH ranges from Rs.1800-4500/- depending on the number of features.